

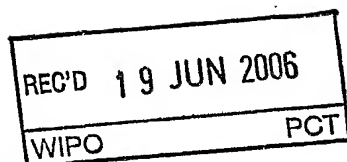
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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International application No.

PCT/US04/03170

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on 04 August 2004 (04.08.2004)
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on 04 August 2004 (04.08.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 11-14 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on 04 August 2004 (04.08.2004)
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on 04 August 2004 (04.08.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1/9-9/9 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* NONE received by this Authority on 04 August 2004 (04.08.2004)
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
- ☒ the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
- ☒ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention**

1. ☐ In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has, within the applicable time limit:

- ☐ restricted the claims.
- ☐ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest, and, where applicable, the protest fee
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid
- ☐ neither restricted the claims nor paid additional fees

2. ☐ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is:

- ☒ complied with.
- ☐ not complied with for the following reasons:

4. Consequently, this report has been established in respect of the following parts of the international application:

- ☐ all parts
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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PCT/US04/03170**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

## 2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-18 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the semiconductor die assembly comprising the first surface of the semiconductor die and the down set portions of the leads forming a cavity, wherein the plurality of die packages are stacked such that at least a portion of the encapsulant is disposed in the cavity of a next higher die package in the stack (independent claims 1 and 18).

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